

REMARKS

With respect to paragraph 11 of the Office Action, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the claims and indication that claims 1-10 are allowable.

With respect to paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 19-28 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. To expedite allowance of claims 1-10, claims 19-28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, for continued prosecution.

With respect to paragraphs 3-10 of the Office Action, claims 11-64 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103. The Office Action relies on Hawes (US Patent 6,061,715). Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. To expedite allowance of claims 1-10, claims 11-64 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, for continued prosecution.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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